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48. The plurality according to claim 47, wherein the ratio between the width and the height of each corrugated core strip lies in the range from 0.5 to 2.

REMARKS

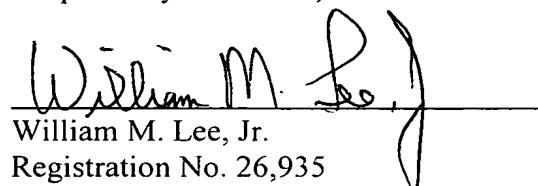
The above amendments are being made in order to eliminate multiple dependency and improper multiple dependency from the application. Should any multiple dependency remain, that is unintended, and the Patent and Trademark Office is requested to cancel any remaining multiple dependent claims without prejudice before calculation of the national filing fee for the United States.

The claims are identical to the claims considered in the International Preliminary Examination Report, except that multiple dependency has been removed. The International Preliminary Examination Report reaches the conclusion that the claims meet the requirements of novelty and inventive step (non-obviousness), and it is submitted that the same result should occur in the United States.

Examination of the application on its merits is awaited.

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